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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application No.	09/981,358
Filing Date	October 15, 2001
First Named Inventor	Ranzini
Group Art Unit	3621
Examiner Name	Greene
Atty Docket No.	3892-4002

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

*NOTE: 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.*

1. **Submission under 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.  
iii. ☐ Other:
- b. Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. Other:

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2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)
- b. Other:

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed

- a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 13-4500,
- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$385.00 enclosed.
- c. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 13-4500 Order No. 3892-4002

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Ranzini et al.

Group Art Unit: 3621

Serial No.: 09/981,358

Examiner: Greene

Filed: October 15, 2001

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SECURE DATA AND FUNDS TRANSFER

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL**

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Sir:

Responsive to the Final Rejection mailed September 17, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following remarks. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and corresponding fee is submitted herewith. No additional fees are believed due in connection with this response. However, in the event any additional fees are necessitated by this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge our deposit account no. 13-4500, order no. 3892-4002.

*(Remarks begin on page 2)*